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Greetings Sir Knights and welcome to May!

Hopefully, the weather is breaking with warming and sunshine. I am sure ready for it.

This month I would like to look at facing opposition and how to become more peaceable citizens.

I do not know about you but facing opposition seems to be an everyday occurrence. Not just in the workplace but the world these days seems to hate everything.

Psalm 3:1 states *“Lord, how they increased that trouble me! Many are they that rise up against me.”*

Many things in life are uncertain but there is one thing we can be sure of – opposition. It will come, in one way or another and probably when we are not prepared for it. At work it may come as a challenge to our ideas or strategies. For our families it may be a retaliation against our principles. We of course never face opposition in our fraternities. And in our faith, opposition seems to be everywhere from mockery to even threats.

King David knew opposition and experienced it throughout his reign. More than once he fled to the mountains, fearing for his life. Often crying out to God, *“Many are the foes! Many are rising up against me!”*

Now, David’s experiences were far greater than anything we will probably face. But what we all need to remember

is God our Great Defender. Psalm 3:3 states *“But thou, O Lord art a shield for me: my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.”*

If your anything like me, I find it easy to jump into the “defense” mode. I find it difficult to let things roll off my back, especially when I feel wronged. Yet, still in the back of my mind there is the voice telling me to be peaceful, that this will work itself out.

When we surrender our will to the Father, no matter how justified we feel, there will be an unexplainable peace that come with it. Surrendering our “fists in the air” feelings and “pay back” plans will always result in a better outcome.

Remember Romans 12:19 *“Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.”*

I am sure the more we live out our faith, the more people will oppose what they do not understand or feel it threatens them in some way. It is a way of retaliating against what they feel is a challenge to them. Harsh words, divisive questions and rude comments will be the way they come against us. Psalm 94:22 *“But the Lord is my defense; and my God is the rock of my refuge.”*

As always, may God be with you.

With fraternal love and respect.

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